

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chair/Secretary, Debra Browne; and Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III.

Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon excused.

Commission Absent: 1 vacant position.

NRD Staff: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven; Conservation Officer, Michael McCreery; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.; Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart and Administrative Assistant, Fiona Banfield.

Guest: Tribal Attorney, Jim Bransky and Tribal member, John Keshick II

Public Comment: Opened at 6:15 p.m. and closed at 6:17 p.m. no public present to comment.

NRC reviewed the agenda.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the agenda without any additions, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the Minutes of October 10, 2007 and October 24, 2007.

Minutes of October 10, 2007 postponed until the next meeting.

Motion made by Treasurer Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the Minutes of October 24, 2007 into the record, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to enter into the record the phone polls dated October 15, 2007, October 18, 2007 and October 23, 2007, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Natural Resource Director's Report: Doug Craven, NRD Director

- There is a meeting set up to meet with the MDNR Parks to address the issues they have with Bell's. They have an issue with our operating hours, a little piece of land and waterway rights.
- December we are planning on implementing the new rules and regulations. We should be sending out postcards to the licensed hunters in the couple of weeks.
- We put together a catch report procedure that we sent to Jane Ten Eyck at CORA.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Natural Resource Directors verbal report as presented by Doug Craven, Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried

Conservation Law Enforcement Report: LTBB Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis

- Sault Ste. Marie is working on changing the wording for abandoned nets.
- There have been several complaints about poaching up near Drier Rd.
- During the last Great Lake patrol they took a helicopter ride out over the lake to check the nets that were still in the water.
- Tribal court had a bunch of conservation hearings on Wednesday. Only one person showed up for his hearing and they reinstated his license.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Conservation Law Enforcement verbal report as presented by Conservation Officer, Michael McCreery, Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report: LTBB Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Stephen Lenart

- The electronic barrier in the Chicago canal will be funded.
- Black carp has been added to the list of banned species to possess.
- Recently we provided GTB another copy of the yellow perch proposal.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Great Lakes Biologist written report as presented by Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried

Inland Biologist Report: LTBB Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.

- We held a Wycamp meeting for tribal member input on the management of Wycamp. A presentation was given at the elder's luncheon. Then we sent postcards with a survey attached to them to all heads of households in Michigan.
- The inland biologist went to Beaver Island and electroshocked Lake Geneserath.
- Inland Non-game technician, Rick Damstra has been attending the sovereign deeds meetings in Pellston.

- Technician, Kevin Haynes has been working diligently on scales.
- Hunters have been bringing in their deer heads for TB testing

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Inland Biologist Report as presented by Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr., Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on CORA/GLRC issues. The yellow perch spawning closure is not at the right time. The perch are not ready to spawn when the closure is happening. Great Lakes Biologist provided GTB with data supporting this.

Discussion was held on Lake Michigan objectives. 1.) Each lake has its own fish population in the lake. Environmental objectives are meant to compliment the fish objectives. CORA is aware of the Lake Michigan objectives. The other four tribes have already adopted this and they are waiting us to make a decision. 2.) ILWRC will be on the next NRC agenda. We will look at the CORA charter and see what it says in there about ILWRC.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the Lake Michigan Environmental Objectives, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on Danny Berg's property lease.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III to accept Danny Berg's property lease proposal and to send it to executive, Vice-chair, Debra Brown supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on Commercial fisherman's meeting date. The commercial fisherman meeting will be held to give commercial fisherman a chance to voice their opinion about what they would like to see happen with the boat program. Commission decided to wait until the first meeting in December to talk about this further once more information is gathered.

Discussion was held on elk regulations. There were some discrepancies in the elk policy and what the rules and regulations state. The rules and regulations will have to be changed.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III to adjust the rules and regulations to have no baiting for elk and to adjust the violation for elk, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Opened at 8:26 p.m. and closed at 8:30 p.m. no public present to comment.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting November 28, 2007.

Approved:

Debra S. Browne, Vice-Chair/Secretary

Date